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**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in rural area and for years I did not have access to high speed Internet. Then I had a conversation with my neighbor and discovered he did have high speed. So I called up my local telephone company, ATT and inquired about getting high speed . I was told that I was to far from the connector or box (?).

I pointed out my neighbor had it and he was farther away from the box than I was since his utilities, including the ATT line came down my drive and through my property. This started a running battle with the local ATT office. Lasted about 6 months and a representative finally called me up and said I was not going to get high speed. So I started checking out possible other sources. This was pre Google. A friend recommended Sonic a local area company. They had it installed within a week. If I had only one choice I might still not have a usable Internet. I also pay less than the rate my neighbors now pay from ATT. I am retired on a fixed income and I believe that to restrict competition in broadband will restrict my access and will for sure cost me a great deal more or cause me to loose my access .

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